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# Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF 298)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claims **12-17** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims **12-17** specify an “**arrangement.**” It is unclear which statutory class of invention Applicant intends to claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102/103***

Claims **1-17** rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over **Ingelman (US 2004/0069721)**.

**Official Notice** is taken of the fact that pressurized disc filters are often used during the production of white liquor to separate lime mud from the white liquor.

**Ingelman** is seen to meet the limitations of the claims. **Valves 26a** and **26b** are seen to meet the limitation of air admission.

(19) **United States**

(12) **Patent Application Publication**  
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(54) **PIPE SYSTEM FOR RECEIVING AND  
TRANSPORTING LIME SLUDGE FROM A  
WHITE LIQUOR FILTER**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The pipe system is for receiving and transporting lime sludge from a filter medium in a continuously operating pressurized filter 1 in a causticizing process, where lime sludge is scraped off from the filter medium 2 and falls down into receiving chutes 4a for the lime sludge. Conventional storage tanks for scraped-off lime sludge and their mechanical agitators are thus replaced by a pipe system 11 where the pipe system does not have a mechanical agitator at all but has a flow cross section which maintains a flow rate in the lime sludge so that sedimentation of the lime sludge does not take place from the receiving chute 4a to the feed-out opening 30 of the pipe system.

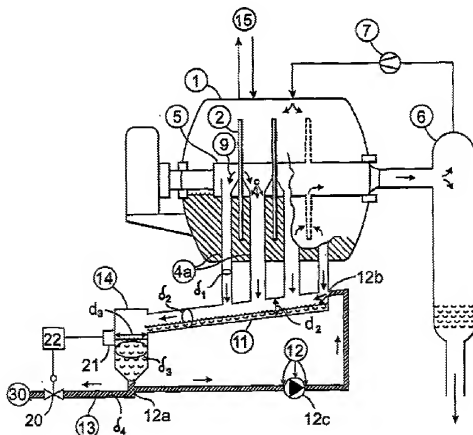
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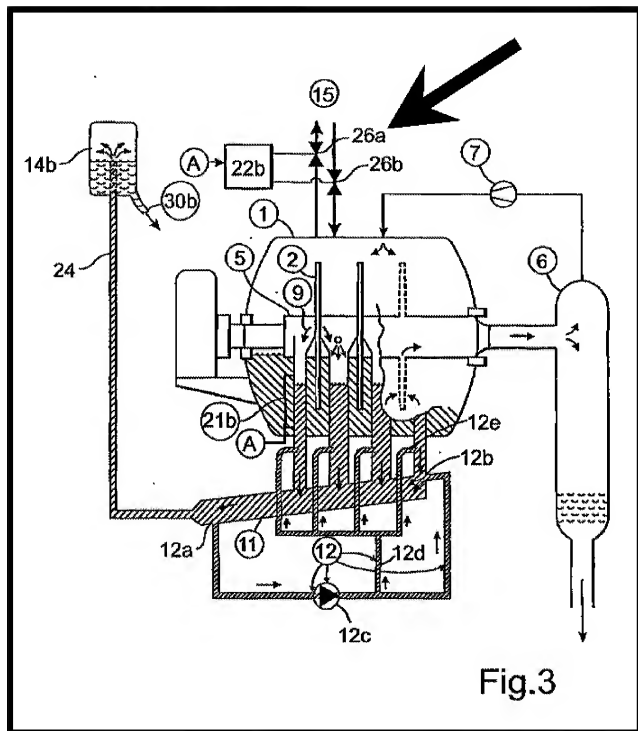
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(30) **Foreign Application Priority Data**

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### Prior Art

The following teachings are noted:

# United States Patent [19]

Strid et al.

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## [54] FILTER FOR CONTINUOUS FILTRATION

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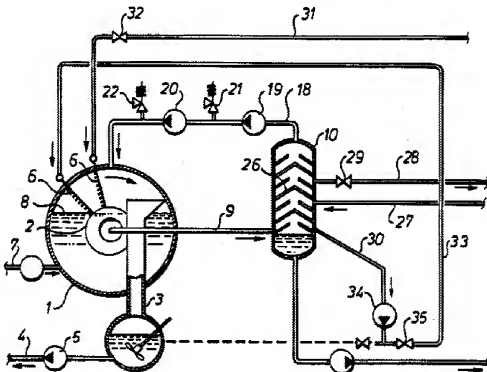
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### ABSTRACT

A filter for continuous filtration of a liquid includes conventionally a vessel having a center shaft on which is arranged at least one rotating filter element defining an inner space for liquid obtained at filtration. Further there is provided a washing device for washing of material deposited on the filter element, a connection between said inner space and outlet means from said vessel and a separator connected to said outlet and adapted for separating filtrate and gas. Means is provided outside said vessel for generating an overpressure in the gas space of the vessel and a lower pressure in the interior of the filter element at least corresponding to the evaporating temperature of the filtrated liquid for evaporation of the liquid in the separator. The separator is provided with a cooling device for cooling the separated gas and an outlet for condensate obtained at cooling.

8 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets



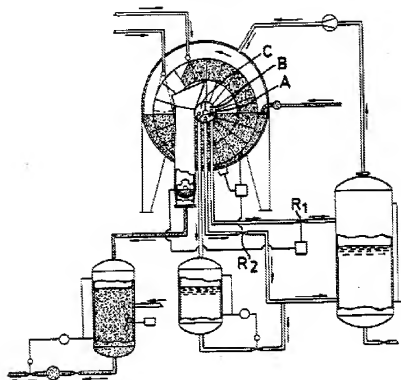
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**FIG. 7**

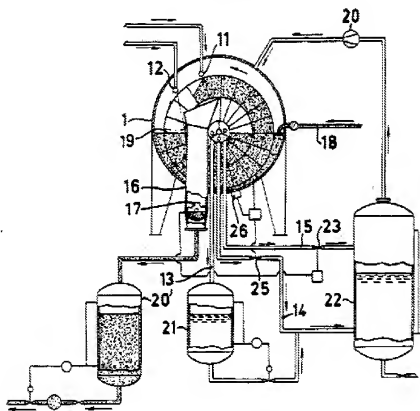


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**FIG. 3**



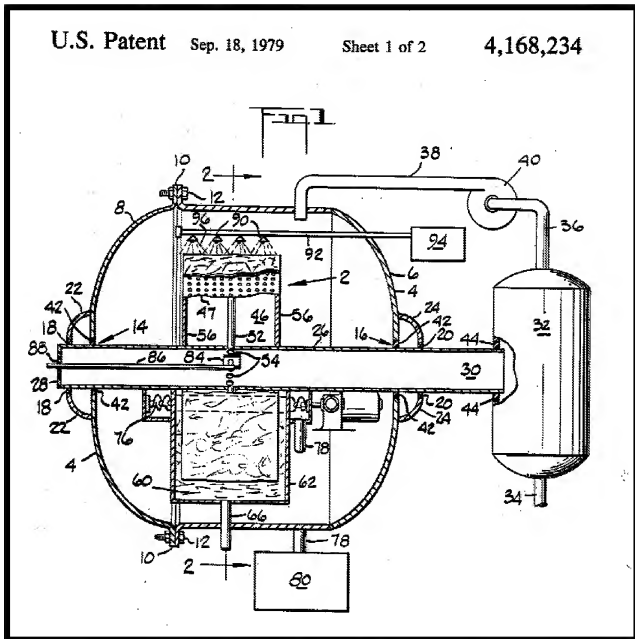


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